



LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF APRIL 13, 2009

The general meeting of April 13, 2009 was held at 10:00 a.m. in the Rigler-Deutsch Room of the Music Center of Los Angeles County, 135 N. Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

Present: Barrón, Carlos C. Galperson, Judy
 Beasley, Arlene "Phoebe" Lyte, Marjorie S
 Benitez, Tomas Rosen, Ronald
 Blanning, Ollie Ruano, Araceli
 Brooks, Aurelia Warschaw, Hope
 Clausen, Alis Wyman, Rosalind
 Haagen, Betty

Absent: Karabian, Laurel (excused)
 Lesnik, Peter (excused)

Staff
Present: Laura Zucker, Executive Director
 Miriam Gonzalez, Executive Assistant
 Rebecca Banyas, Interim Director of Civic Art
 Adam Davis, Managing Director of Production
 Linda Chiavaroli, Director of Communication
 Ayanna Hudson Higgins, Director of Arts Education
 Emiko Ono, Director and Grants and Professional Development
 Alice Schock, Civic Art Associate

Also Present: Andre Pineda
 Josephine Ramirez, Vice President of Programming, Music Center

Outgoing President Haagen called the general meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. She thanked the staff and Commissioners for all their support during her year as President and congratulated incoming President Ruano.

Commissioner Wyman administered the oath of office to the 2009/2010 officers. The following slate of officers were installed:

Araceli Ruano, President
Ronald Rosen, Vice President
Ollie Blanning, Secretary
Aurelia Brooks, Executive Committee Member
Betty Haagen, Immediate Past President Executive Committee Member

President Ruano presented outgoing President Haagen with a scroll from Supervisor Knabe thanking her for her service as President and commending her on accomplishments during her tenure.

Absentee Excuses

Roll was taken and on a motion by Commissioner Lyte, seconded by Commissioner Beasley, the excused absences for the meeting of April 13, 2009 were unanimously approved as corrected.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Commissioner Wyman, seconded by Commissioner Beasley, the minutes for the meeting of February 9, 2009 were approved as corrected.

Correspondence

None.

President's Items

President Ruano reported she would make committee assignments at the second April meeting.

Executive Director's Report

Laura Zucker distributed documents for the FY 2009/2010 proposed budget. The current unmet needs in the budget are the Arts Internship program and the Free Concerts in Public Sites program. Ms. Zucker distributed a handout of the Free Concerts that are currently calendared for this summer. The Board offices are considering an alternative option to fund the concerts from discretionary funds. In addition, there are five positions at the Ford that have been affected by the budget reduction. Final budget changes occur in June.

Ms. Zucker also reported an email has gone out to grantees outlining how to tap into employment opportunities for youth from the Federal Stimulus Package by signing up as a work site with one of the service providers the County has approved.

OGP Disqualifications

Emiko Ono, Director of Grants and Professional Development, presented information on two 2009/2010 OGP applicants which do not meet current grant guidelines.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosen, seconded by Commissioner Benitez, to disqualify the Wende Museum and Historical Society of Long Beach from the FY2009/2010 Organization Grant Program because they do not meet the current eligible requirement that applicants' primary mission be to provide arts programming. The motion carried. Ayes: Commissioners Rosen, Benitez, Barrón, Blanning, Brooks, Clausen, Haagen, Galperson, Lyte, Ruano, Warshaw, and Wyman. No: Commissioner Brooks.

Commissioners Brooks, Benitez and Lyte volunteered to review the OGP guideline on historical institutions for future guideline consideration by the full Commission.

2009 Ford Amphitheatre Pre Season Report

Adam Davis, Managing Director of Productions, gave an overview of the Ford season, distributed copies of the new 2009 season brochure, and highlighted new artists performing on the season this year.

Civic Art Conservation Report

Rebecca Banyas, Interim Director of Civic Art, and Alice Schock, Civic Art Associate, presented the report *Los Angeles County's Civic Art Collection: Discovery, Revitalization, and Growth*. The report documents the 68 historic artworks documented by staff since December 2004 when the LA County Board of Supervisors passed a Civic Art Policy. The report also details conservation and restoration efforts.

Arts for All Update

Ayanna Hudson Higgins, Director of Arts Education, gave an update on the *Arts for All* program and the initiatives supported by the Wallace Foundation grant. The *Arts for All* Executive Committee has been engaged in an advocacy campaign to school boards, superintendents, and arts coordinators to ensure their commitment to arts education remains strong during this economic climate.

Commissioner Items

Commissioners requested an update on the new LAUSD Arts High School at an upcoming meeting.

Public Comment

None.

The Arts Commission meeting of April 13, 2009 was adjourned at 11:48 a.m. on motion by Commissioner Galperson, seconded by Commissioner Haagen, and unanimously approved.